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SUBJ: SC MEETING IN PANAMA

FROM USDEL

SUMMARY. FIRST REAL DEBATE OF UNSC PANAMAN MEETING
BEGAN ON MODEST SCALE WITH MEETING AFTERNOON SESSION
MARCH 16. PANAMANIAN FONMIN TACK PRESENTED GOP-
PERU SPONSORED RES ON CANAL (SEPTTEL). CUBAN FONMIN
ROA GAVE SMART ALECK PERFORMANCE IN RIGHT OF RIGHT
WHICH CRITICIZED U S FOR ALWAYS USING THAT
SAME RIGHT TO COVER ITSELF. GUATEMALA AND UK ALSO
EXCHANGED WORDS OVER BELIZE. WITH TABLING OF RES
STAGE NOW SET FOR WHATEVER DRAMA THIS SHOW
HAS TO OFFER. END SUMMARY.

1. JAMAICAN REP, SENATOR DUDLEY THOMPSON, LEAD
OFF ATERNOON SESSION WITH RECOLLECTION OF TIES BETWEEN
JAMAICA AND PANAMA ESTABLISHED BY JAMAICAN WORKERS WHO
BUILT CANAL. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO CURRENT CONFLICTS
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IN HEMISPHERE, THOMPSON THOUGHT IT OPPORTUNE FOR SC TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COLONIALISM AND OF INTERFERENCE OF ONE STATE IN AFFAIRS OF OTHERS. HIS EXAMPLE WAS BELIZE, A SMALL COUNTRY READY TO TAKE ITS PLACE IN FAMILY OF NATIONS BUT PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY ITS NEIGHBOR. THOMPSON ALSO MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO LARGE ARMAMENT EXPENDITURES OF GREAT POWERS AND STAGNATION OF AID FLOWS. ON CANAL ISSUE HE SAID THAT JAMAICA AWARE OF STRONG VIEWS ON BOTH SIDES CONCERNING THE SOLEMNITY OF TREATIES AND OF SOVEREIGNTY. ORIGINAL TREATY NOW OUTDATED BUT PANAMA HAD RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS FROM 1936 AND 1955 TREATY CHANGES. HE DENIED THAT ISSUE COULD BE TYPIFIED AS A CRISIS BUT HE URGED CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS ON URGENT BASIS. IN CONCLUSION HE URGED GREAT POWERS WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED SECOND PROTOCOL OF LA NUCLEAR FREE ZONE TREATY TO DO SO AND DESIRABILITY THAT ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION SUBSCRIBE TO BASIC TREATY. HE REGRETTED THAT GUYANA HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SIGN IT.

2. MOST THEORETICAL PRESENTATION TO DATE WAS PRESENTATION OF VENEZUELAN FONMIN CALVANI. GENUINE PEACE IN HIS VIEW REQUIRES ACHIEVEMENT OF REAL EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE ASSERTED THAT THE RICHES OF DEVELOPED NATIONS FOUND THEIR ORIGIN IN THE POVERTY OF UNDEVELOPED NATIONS. HE WAS CAREFUL TO NOTE IN HIS " PEACE LECTURE" THAT THE RIGHT OF REBELLION AGAINST UNJUST STRUCTURES WAS NOT A VIOLATION OF PEACE. HE NOTED GROWING LA NATIONALISM AND HOPED FOR ITS REPLACEMENT BY CONTINENTAL NATIONALISM. NO LA, HE SAID, COULD FEEL INDIFFERENT ON THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE. THE ORIGINAL CANAL TREATY HAD BEEN INVALIDATED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS CONCEIVED. U S EFFORTS TO CORRECT THE INJUSTICE HAD SO FAR NOT BEEN GOOD ENOUGH. CALVANI REITERATED VENEZUELAN SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMANIAN CLAIMS THAT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN ADOPTED BY THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN 1960.

3. SHORTEST COUNTRY STATEMENT SO FAR WAS BY AMBASSADOR SUAREZ CARBALLO, LOCAL URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR, WHO INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT' S AGREEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH PANAMA MEETING, AND WHILE NOTING THAT CANAL ISSUE

WAS BILATERAL MATTER, HOPEFULLY SOON TO BE SETTLED
SATISFACTORILY, HE URGED OTHERS SIGN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE
TREATY AND MADE DEFENSE OF URUGUAY'S USE OF MARITIME
RESOURCES TO 200 MILE LIMIT.

4. COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO APPROACHED COUNCIL TABLE
TO OFFER SOME FRANK ADVICE FROM ONE GOOD NEIGHBOR
TO ITS FRIENDS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT CANAL ISSUE WAS
BILATERAL MATTE
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5. AMBASSAODR LUIS AYCINENA OF GUATEMALA AFTER
EXTENDING FRATERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY TO
PANAMA, SAID THAT HE WISHED TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF REPLY
TO "SOMBER" ILLUSIONS IN SPEECHES OF GUYANA AND
JAMAICAN REPS TO NEIGHTBOR OF BELIZE. HE DESCRIBED
GUATEMALANS AS BEING TENACIOUS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST
"COLONIAL ENCLAVE" OF BELIZE AND USED UN DECLARATIONS
ON TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY FOR DEFENSE. HE REVIEWED
"TIRESOME CONVERSATIONS" WITH UK ON ISSUE AND SAID
THAT IN LAST YEAR LARGE BRITISH MILITARY PRESENCE
ESTABLISHED IN THE COLONY AND THAT THERE WAS EVEN A
THREAT OF STATIONING GURKAS THERE. HE DESCRIBED
GUATEMALA'S POSITION AS REASONABLE AND SAID THAT HIS
COUNTRY WOULD NEVER ATTACK UK. NEVERTHELESS, ITS
RIGHTS TO BELIZE ARE INALIENABLE. HE WAS

SPECIFIC IN SAYING THAT GUATEMALA DID NOT WISH
BELIEVE INSCRIBED ON SC AGENDA.

6. FONMIN TACK, SPEAKING AS CHAIRMAN OF
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PANAMANIAN DELEGATION, THEN PRESENTED A RES WHICH
WAS JOINTLY SPONSORED WITH PERU. AFTER READING RES
(SEE SEPTTEL) TACK STATED BELIEF THAT UNSC HAS
EFFECTIVE POWER UNDER ARTICLE ONE, CHAPTER ONE OF
CHARTER TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE AT LEAST BY STUDYING
IT. HE SAID THAT PANAMA AND THE U S COMMITTED
THEMSELVES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD ELIMINATE
THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM. HE ASSERTED
THAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE PASSED ON SOVEREIGNTY,
SELF- DETERMINATION, AND THE BENEFICIAL USE BY EACH
COUNTRY OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. THE U S
HAS AGREED TO PUT AN END TO THE 1903 TREATY BUT
HAS SUBMITTED A BURDENSOME LIST OF CLAIMS THAT DO NOT
RESOLVE THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT AND THUS NO SATISFACTORY
AGREEMENT HAS SO FAR BEEN POSSIBLE. IN TACK' S MIND
THE CANAL DIFFERENCES ARE A THREAT TO
PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE HEMISPHERE AS ILLUSTRATED
BY THE WORST EXAMPLE IN THE DISORDERS OF 1964. TACK
CONCLUDED THAT UNDER ARTICLE 37, PARA 2, THE SC HAS
THE POWER TO ADVISE HOW THE CANAL MATTER SHOULD BE
RESOLVED.

7. CUBAN FONMIN ROA RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL TABLE
TO EXERCISE A RIGHT OF REPLY TO AMBASSADOR SCALI' S
STATEMENT THE EVENING BEFORE. HE EXPRESSED PITY
ON THE U S PEOPLE FOR THE MORASS INTO WHICH THEY
HAVE BEEN LED BY THEIR CHOSEN LEADERS AND
WITH GREAT SARCASM TOLD THE U S DEL THAT THE
BEST PEOPLE IN THE U S IN FACT SUPPORT THE CAUSE
OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. HE ARGUED THAT THE U S DEL
IS ALWAYS USING ITS RIGHT OF REPLY TO OBSCURE THE
TRUTH. HE HELD UP A BOOK, NOT THE COMMUNIST
MANIFESTO, HE SAID, BUT THE BIBLE, WHICH IS KNOWN
EVEN TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE CIA, AND QUOTED
THE TEXT THAT NOTHING CONCEALED WILL REMAIN HIDDEN.
HIS PRESENTATION DREW A LARGE APPLAUSE FROM THE
GALLERY CAUSING TACK TO ONCE AGAIN REMIND THOSE
PRESENT TO ABSTAIN FROM SIGNS OF APPROVAL
OR DISAPPROVAL.

8. UK PERMREP CROWE REPLIED TO GUATEMALA STATEMENT
BRIEFLY BY SAYING THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT AYCINENA' S
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VERSION OF EVENTS OF LAST YEAR, BUT HE AGREED THAT
BELIZE ISSUE SHOULD NOT GO ON THIS SC AGENDA. AMB.
SCALI GAVE DIGNIFIED REPLY TO ROA' S ATTEMPT AT
HUMOR AND ASKED FOR A DIALOGUE OF REASON
(SEE SEPTTEL).

9. SC WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 19,
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